ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method and device for delivering messages to mobile terminal devices in case of an unsuccessful message delivery attempt to said mobile terminal device from a Store-and-Forward Entity of a mobile communication network. The method comprises the reception of a notification about an unsuccessful delivery attempt of a message, followed by a subscription to a presence service for future notifications of the status of a terminal device. The method and a device is provided for executing a communication attempt following an unsuccessful delivery attempt of a message to a mobile terminal device in a communication network when presence of the terminal device is determined. This invention allows the conventionally necessary multiple delivery attempts to be reduced to just one. The Store-and-Forward Entity does this by subscribing to the presence service in case a failed mobile terminated delivery attempt so that multiple delivery attempts are not performed.